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SOVIET STATEMENT ON GERMANY

- I. At the Argentine Embassy reception in Moscow last weekend, Premier Bulganin was reported to have said that a Soviet pre-Summit statement on the German problem could be expected shortly.
 - A. The expected statement was issued Tuesday (12 Jul). It was not in form of a Government communique but instead was an "authorized" TASS release.
 - B. Use of this channel was, in itself, a tip-off that no new proposals would be included.
- II. Analysis of statement indicates that Moscow still hopes to avoid the issues of German "unification" and "free elections" at Geneva.
 - A. Defensive in tone, statement is intended refute Western charges USSR has lost interest in "unification."

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Nevertheless, contains nothing new
on "unity" question and seems to
assume that quick agreement on
this point impossible.

B. States main "unity" obstacle is Bonn
membership NATO, WEU:

1. Therefore claims European "security
system" is necessary first step
toward German unification.

C. We believe this is indication that
USSR may bring forth new European
security proposals at Summit meeting.

III. Statement also indicates Soviet declara-
tion at Summit that "free elections"
question is subsidiary.

A. Probably will propose that such
"detailed" problems be worked out
directly between East and West Germans.

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